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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/088,014	Applicant(s) YAMADA ET AL.	
	Examiner Behrooz Senfi	Art Unit 2613	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>14 March 2002</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 - 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boyce (US 6,012,091).

Regarding claims 1 and 8, Boyce '091 discloses, "an image signal Reconstruction storage" (i.e. fig. 3), and "an image decoding unit decoding the coded image signal" (i.e. fig. 3, 310 and 350), and "a coded signal storage unit storing the coded image signal" (i.e. fig. 3, 120, 340), and "a storage and reconstruction control unit directing, in accordance with the request for storage, the image signal transmitting apparatus to storage" (i.e. fig. 4, controller 100, and request signal 400).

Regarding claims 2 – 3 and 10 - 11, Boyce '091 discloses, "wherein the storage and reconstruction control unit requests the transmission of the coded image signal in which the entirety of an image is intra-frame" and "repeats the transmission of the intra-frame request signals, in claim 3" (i.e. fig. 3, 100, 320 and 330, abstract 17 - 19).

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Regarding claim 4, the limitations claimed "wherein the storage and reconstruction control unit requests, responsive to the request for storage, the transmission of the coded image signal in which the entirety of an image is intra-frame coded from the image signal transmitting apparatus, by temporarily closing a communication circuit for transmitting the coded image signal" reads on (i.e. fig. 3, storage 340), wherein the storage 340 is only working for intra "I" (i.e. open for intra) and closed for other frame types.

Regarding claims 5 – 7, the limitations claimed, "intra-frame coded" reads on (i.e. figs. 3 – 4, 340, 350 and 410, col. 1, lines 48 – 65, and col. 9, lines 50 - 66), wherein the video decoder 350, starts to decode the bit-stream based on the stored frames in storage 340, which in this case is intra-codes (I frames), and based on the control signal, and generating extra "I" frame for synchronization.

Regarding claim 9, the limitations claimed are substantially similar to claim 1, therefore the grounds for rejecting claim 1 also applies here.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Behrooz Senfi** whose telephone number is **(703)305-0132**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Chris Kelley** can be reached on **(703)305-4856**.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relative to the status of the application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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